

A N N U A L   R E P O R T  
of the  
**MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH**  
and the  
**PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS**  
for 1968

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LAshburton Urban District Council  
Dawlish Urban District Council  
Newton Abbot Rural District Council  
Newton Abbot Urban District Council  
Teignmouth Urban District Council



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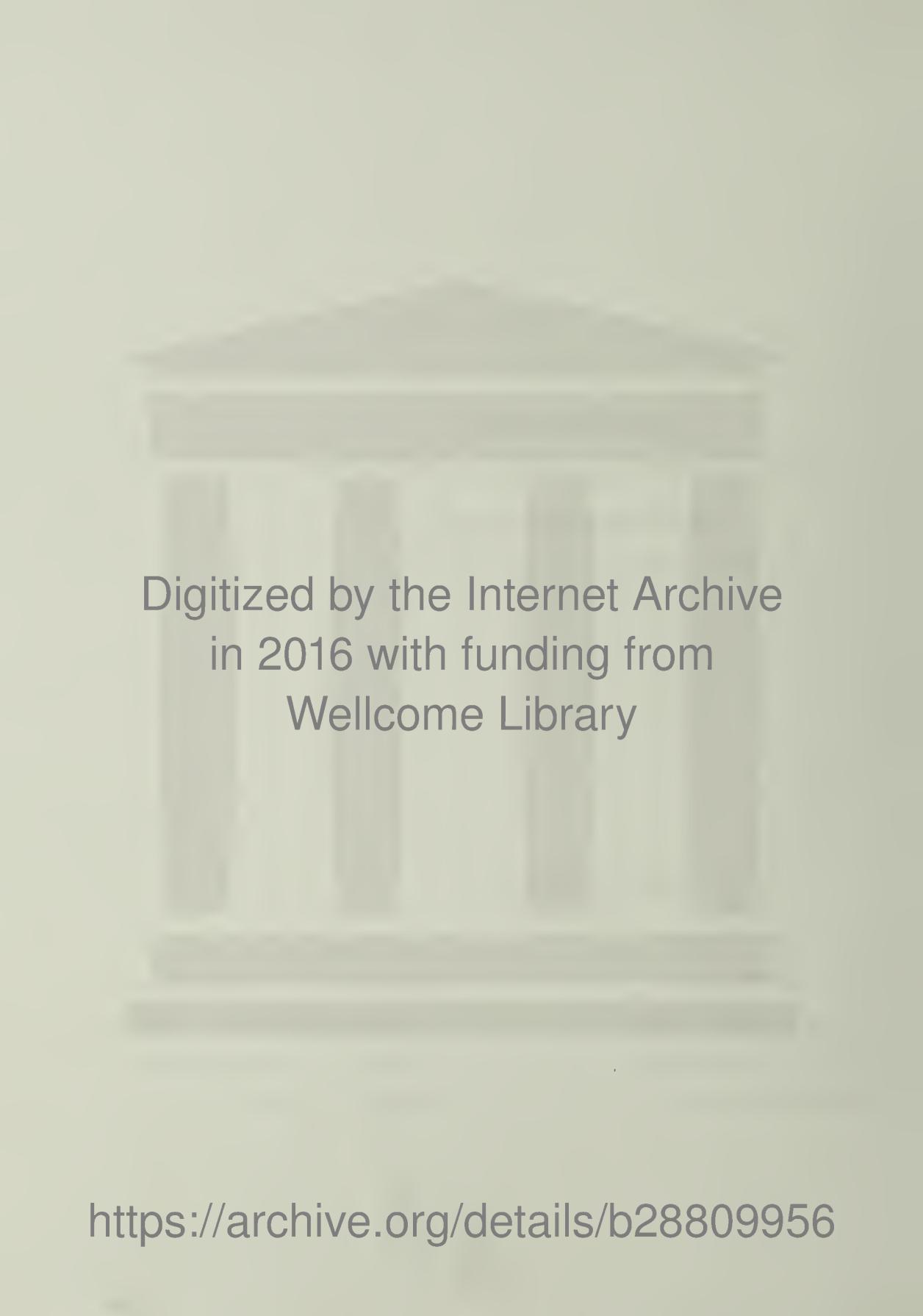
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Ashburton Urban District, Dawlish Urban District,  
Newton Abbot Rural District, Newton Abbot Urban District  
and Teignmouth Urban District

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I am this year, for the first time, making a combined Report of the five District Councils for which I am Medical Officer of Health. This method of reporting is used by most Area Medical Officers in the County and is, I think, superior to the separate Reports which I have produced in former years.

Infectious Disease

	<u>Ashburton</u> <u>Urban</u>	<u>Dawlish</u> <u>Urban</u>	<u>Newton</u> <u>Abbot</u> <u>Rural</u>	<u>Newton</u> <u>Abbot</u> <u>Urban</u>	<u>Teignmouth</u> <u>Urban</u>	<u>Total</u>
Dysentery	0	0	2	2	0	4
Encephalitis	0	0	1	0	0	1
Erysipelas	0	0	0	0	1	1
Infective Jaundice	0	3	2	1	1	7
Measles	0	87	164	77	31	359
Meningitis	0	2	1	0	0	3
Pneumonia	0	8	2	0	4	14
Scarlet Fever	0	0	1	0	0	1
Tuberculosis (non-respiratory)	0	1	3	3	0	7
Tuberculosis (respiratory)	0	4	5	4	0	13
Whooping Cough	0	4	10	1	0	15
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	0	109	191	88	37	425
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These figures are derived from the actual number of notifications which are sent to me by Doctors practising in the various Districts. I have no doubt of their accuracy in respect of the more serious of the infectious diseases, I refer to notifiable diseases such as Smallpox, Typhoid Fever, Poliomyelitis, Diphtheria and Tetanus. Of this particular list, no cases occurred during the year. This fact is due to the continuation and extension of the programme of immunisation and vaccination, which is absolutely essential if this happy state of affairs is to continue. Parents bear a heavy burden of responsibility in seeing that their children receive the necessary protection at the appropriate time.

Notifications of Tuberculosis are becoming less and less frequent and by the use of modern methods of diagnosis and treatment, we can envisage the disappearance of this scourge within the next few decades.

### Deaths

The chief causes were:

	Ashburton Urban	Dawlish Urban	Newton Abbot Rural	Newton Abbot Urban	Teignmouth Urban
Enteritis and other diarrhoeal diseases	-	-	-	-	1
Tuberculosis of respiratory system	-	1	-	-	-
Other tuberculosis, including late effects	-	-	1	1	2
Streptococcal sore throat, scarlet fever	-	-	1	-	-
Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-	2	-	-
Malignant neoplasm - Stomach	1	4	11	3	5
Malignant neoplasm - Lung, bronchus	2	8	32	10	8
Malignant neoplasm - Breast	-	2	9	-	4
Malignant neoplasm - Uterus	1	-	7	4	2
Leukaemia	-	1	-	1	1
Other malignant neoplasms etc.	7	11	39	25	27
Benign and unspecified neoplasms	-	-	2	-	-
Diabetes mellitus	-	1	2	4	1
Anaemias	-	-	1	1	1
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	-	1	4	-	2
Hypertensive disease	1	5	15	8	3
Ischaemic heart disease	6	31	97	69	61
Other forms of heart disease	9	10	30	15	14
Cerebrovascular disease	6	14	66	74	28
Influenza	2	1	1	2	-
Pneumonia	3	8	22	20	13
Bronchitis and emphysema	1	8	19	14	5
Asthma	-	-	1	1	-
Peptic ulcer	-	3	2	6	1
	—	—	—	—	—
	39	109	364	258	179

	<u>Ashburton</u> <u>Urban</u>	<u>Dawlish</u> <u>Urban</u>	<u>Newton</u> <u>Abbot</u>	<u>Newton</u> <u>Abbot</u>	<u>Teignmouth</u> <u>Urban</u>
Brought Forward -	39	109	364	258	179
Intestinal obstruction and hernia	-	-	2	-	1
Cirrhosis of liver	-	-	-	2	-
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	1	-	-	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	-	1	1	2	2
Congenital anomalies	-	2	3	-	2
Birth injury, difficult labour, etc.	-	-	1	3	-
Other causes of perinatal mortality	-	-	1	-	-
Symptoms and ill-defined conditions	1	1	10	14	5
Other endocrine etc. diseases	-	-	1	-	-
Mental disorders	-	1	1	-	-
Other diseases of nervous system	-	1	5	2	4
Other diseases of circulatory system	2	5	12	20	10
Other diseases of respiratory system	2	1	7	3	1
Other diseases of digestive system	-	3	5	6	1
Other diseases, genito-urinary system	-	-	3	2	1
Diseases of musculo-skeletal system	-	1	2	2	2
Motor vehicle accidents	-	2	6	4	1
All other accidents	1	4	5	4	3
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	-	-	5	1	1
All other external causes	-	-	1	-	1
	—	—	—	—	—
	46	132	435	323	214
	—	—	—	—	—

This table again demonstrates that the commonest causes of death are Ischaemic heart disease, more popularly known as Coronary Thrombosis, and Cancer of the Lung. These diseases and also Chronic Bronchitis and Pneumonia are irrefutably associated with cigarette smoking. There can be no doubt of the necessity to discourage the young from commencing this pernicious habit.

The various vital statistics regarding the Birth and Death Rates etc., are listed separately under the sections devoted to each District Council Area and call for no separate comment.

I referred in my Report to the Newton Abbot Rural District Council for 1963, to the long delays between the time when a sewage disposal scheme was approved and the actual date when the scheme came to fruition. I also pointed out that these delays were vastly increased when a drainage area involving more than one local Authority was under consideration. At that time, I suggested that the only way to overcome this apparent difficulty was for the sewerage and sewage disposal to be taken over by a separate Authority largely independent of the respective Local Authorities. Since then however very considerable progress has been made and sewage disposal schemes covering large drainage areas are becoming quite the accepted thing and delays in constructing adequate sewerage schemes for these areas can no longer be held to be the fault of the various Local Authorities. These delays are now attributable to the Country's financial situation and I cannot stress too strongly the need for these schemes to be got to a state of readiness, so that advantage can be taken of any lull in the Economic Crisis.

I should like to thank, once again, the Chairmen, Councillors and all members of the staff for the help and co-operation received.

H. M. DAVIES

Medical Officer of Health

ASHBURTON URBAN DISTRICT

Area (in acres).....	6,775
Population mid 1968 .....	3,410
Rateable Value as at the 1st January 1968 .....	£93,804
Rateable Value as at the 31st December 1968 .....	£101,980
Product of ld. rate (1968/1969 estimated).....	£370

Live Births

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	25	20	45
Illegitimate	5	1	6
	—	—	—
	30	21	51
	—	—	—

Crude live birth rate per 1000 total population	...	14.95
Corrected live birth rate per 1000 total population	...	18.38
Crude live birth rate per 1000 total population -		
Administrative County of Devon	...	13.8
Corrected live birth rate per 1000 total population	...	
Administrative County of Devon	...	17.0
Live birth rate per 1000 total population - England and Wales	...	16.9
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	..:	11.76

Stillbirths

No stillbirths occurred in Ashburton during 1968.		
Stillbirth rate per 1000 total live and stillbirths -		
Administrative County of Devon	...	11.0
Corresponding rate for England and Wales	..:	14.0

Deaths

<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
16	30	46

Crude death rate per 1000 total population	...	13.48
Corrected death rate per 1000 total population	...	9.16
Crude death rate per 1000 total population -		
Administrative County of Devon	...	15.1
Corrected death rate per 1000 total population -		
Administrative County of Devon	...	10.4
Death rate per 1000 total population - England and Wales	..:	11.9

Infant Mortality

(Deaths of Infants under one year)

No deaths of infants under one year occurred in  
Ashburton during 1968

Infant mortality rate per 1000 related live births -

Administrative County of Devon	...	12.8
Corresponding rate for England and Wales	...	18.0

Neonatal Mortality

(Deaths of Infants under four weeks)

No deaths of infants under four weeks occurred in  
Ashburton during 1968.

Neonatal mortality rate per 1000 related live births -

Administrative County of Devon	...	8.28
Corresponding rate for England and Wales	...	12.3

Perinatal Mortality

(Stillbirths and Deaths of Infants under one week)

No deaths of infants under one week occurred in  
Ashburton during 1968.

Perinatal mortality rate per 1000 live and  
stillbirths - Administrative County of Devon

Corresponding rate for England and Wales	...	25.00
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Maternal Mortality

No maternal deaths occurred in Ashburton during 1968.

Two maternal deaths occurred within the Administrative  
County of Devon.AGE AT DEATH

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Infants under four weeks	-	-
Four weeks and under one year	-	-
1 - 4	-	-
5 - 14	-	-
15 - 24	1	-
25 - 34	-	-
35 - 44	-	-
45 - 54	1	2
55 - 64	3	4
65 - 74	4	5
75 and over	7	19
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	<u>16</u>	<u>30</u>

Total: 46NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 and 1951

In no case was Official action, under Section 47 of the National Assistance  
Acts, 1948 and 1951, necessary during 1968.

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Water

The area is served by the South West Devon Water Board and of a total of 1,135 dwellings in the Ashburton Urban District only 67 are not connected to the mains.

Of these 67, the only area where supply has not been satisfactory is Stormsdown, which comprises 17 properties.

Sewerage

During the year the Council have re-laid approximately 1,200 yards of sewer in the Balland Lane area and the Council's Consultants have prepared a Scheme for the re-laying of a further 1,300 yards from Dolbeare Road to Pear Tree. This latter scheme has gone out to tender. Surveys are continuing on the remaining sewers in the town with a view to programmed replacement.

The works at Kilbury are administered by the Buckfastleigh Urban District Council and at the present time are grossly overloaded. Every effort is being made to minimise or eliminate altogether infiltration water and Consultants are advising on possible extensions at the works.

Food and Drugs Act, 1955

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960

There are 46 food premises in the district made up as follows:-

Bakers and Confectioners	4
Butchers	4
Cafes	6
Dairies	2
General Provision	10
Greengrocers	3
Guest Houses	7
Licenses Premises	9
Wet and Fried Fish	1
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	46
	—

Number of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 16	...	43
Number of premises to which Regulation 19 applies	...	46
Number of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 19	...	43

Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963

Carcasses Inspected

	<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>Totals</u>
No. Killed	129	2	894	276	1,301
No. Inspected	129	2	894	276	1,301

All diseases other than Tuberculosis

Whole carcase condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned	22	-	17	2	41
% of animals inspected affected by disease other than Tuberculosis	17.05	-	1.90	.72	3.15

Tuberculosis only

Whole carcase condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned	1	-	-	3	4
% of animals inspected affected by Tuberculosis	.77	-	-	1.08	.30

Cysticercus Bovis

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

Table A - Registrations and General Inspections

<u>Class of Premises</u>	<u>No. of Premises Registered During the Year</u>	<u>No. of Registered Premises at End of Year</u>	<u>No. of Registered Premises receiving a General Inspection During the Year</u>
Offices	2	12	10
Retail Shops	-	23	23
Wholesale shops, warehouses	-	-	-
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	-	5	5
Fuel storage depots	-	-	-
	<u>2</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>38</u>

Table B - Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to registered premises - 41

Table C - Analysis of Recorded Particulars of Persons Employed in Registered Premises by Workplace

<u>Class of Workplace</u>	<u>Number of Persons Employed</u>
Offices	52
Retail Shops	54
Wholesale departments, warehouses	-
Catering establishments open to the public	20
Canteens	-
Fuel storage depots	-
Total:	<u>126</u>

Factories Act 1961

<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Premises</u>	<u>No. on Register</u>	<u>No. of Inspections</u>	<u>No. of Written Notices</u>	<u>No. of Occupiers Prosecuted</u>
Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authorities		-	-	-	-
Factories not included in above in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority		15	7	-	-
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (Excluding out-workers' premises)		3	-	-	-
Total:		18	7	-	-

Cases in which Defects were found

<u>Particulars</u>	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>	<u>Referred to H.M. Inspector</u>	<u>Referred by H.M. Inspector</u>	<u>Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted</u>
Want of cleanliness (S. 1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S. 2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S. 3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S. 4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S. 6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S. 7)					
(a) Insufficient	2	1	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act	-	-	-	-	-
Total:	3	2	-	-	-

R. H. West

Public Health Inspector

DAWLISH URBAN DISTRICT

Area (in acres).....	5, 380
Population mid 1968 .....	7, 790
Rateable Value as at the 1st January 1968 .....	£306, 740
Rateable Value as at the 31st December 1968 .....	£323, 689
Product of 1d. rate - 1968/1969 (Estimated) .....	£1, 278

Live Births

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	57	45	102
Illegitimate	4	4	8
	—	—	—
	61	49	110
	—	—	—

Crude live birth rate per 1000 total population	...	14.12
Corrected live birth rate per 1000 total population	...	19.06
Crude live birth rate per 1000 total population -		
Administrative County of Devon	...	13.8
Corrected live birth rate per 1000 total population -		
Administrative County of Devon	...	17.0
Live birth rate per 1000 total population - England and		
Wales	...	16.9
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	...	7.27

Stillbirths

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	3	-	3
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Stillbirth rate per 1000 total live and stillbirths	...		26.54
Stillbirth rate per 1000 total live and stillbirths -			
Administrative County of Devon	...		11.0
Corresponding rate for England and Wales	...		14.0

Deaths

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
	64	68	132
Crude death rate per 1000 total population	...		16.94
Corrected death rate per 1000 total population	...		11.85
Crude death rate per 1000 total population -			
Administrative County of Devon	...		15.1
Corrected death rate per 1000 total population -			
Administrative County of Devon	...		10.4
Death rate per 1000 total population - England and			
Wales	...		11.9

Infant Mortality

(Deaths of Infants under one year)

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	-	1	1
Illegitimate	1	-	1
Infant mortality rate per 1000 related live births		...	18.18
Infant mortality rate per 1000 related live births -		...	
Administrative County of Devon		...	12.8
Corresponding rate for England and Wales		...	18.0
Legitimate infant deaths per 1000 legitimate live births		...	9.80

Neonatal Mortality

(Deaths of Infants under four weeks)

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	-	1	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Neonatal mortality rate per 1000 related live births		...	9.09
Neonatal mortality rate per 1000 related live births -		...	
Administrative County of Devon		...	8.28
Corresponding rate for England and Wales		...	12.3

Perinatal Mortality

(Stillbirths and Deaths of Infants under one week)

No deaths of infants under one week occurred in Dawlish during 1968	
Perinatal mortality rate per 1000 live and stillbirths -	
Administrative County of Devon	...
Corresponding rate for England and Wales	17.03 25.00

Maternal Mortality

No maternal deaths occurred in Dawlish during 1968.

Two maternal deaths occurred within the Administrative County  
of Devon.AGE AT DEATH

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Infants under four weeks	-	1
Four weeks and under one year	1	-
1 - 4	-	-
5 - 14	1	-
15 - 24	2	-
25 - 34	-	1
35 - 44	2	-
45 - 54	1	6
55 - 64	9	9
65 - 74	25	13
75 and over	23	38
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	64	68
	—	—

Total: 132

## NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS 1948 and 1951

In no case was Official action, under Section 47 of the National Assistance Acts, 1948 and 1951, necessary during 1968.

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#### Water Supply

The following information has been supplied by the Joint Engineer to the South West Devon Water Board, Mr. W.F. White, F.I.C.E., M.I.W.E., M.I.Struct.E.

##### (a) Source of Public Supply

All the water is obtained from the upland catchment area at Thorns and augmented during the summer months from a lowland pumped source at Duckaller.

##### (b) Distribution

From both the above sources, the supply is taken to a filtration and storage plant at Burrows Reservoir situated above the town, from whence distribution is made of the treated water to all parts of the Urban District.

Water is supplied to 2,668 dwelling houses with an estimated population of 7,820.

##### (c) Quantity

The total quantity of water supplied up to the 31st December 1968 amounted to 125,579,000 gallons, an average of 344,000 gallons per day. The peak month was August when 15,093,000 gallons were supplied.

##### (d) Quality of Supply

The supply to the town is dosed with sulphate of alumina, precipitated, gravity filtered and the natural acidity and induced acidity is corrected by a lime dose followed by the application of gaseous chlorine. The protection of the gathering ground and entry of unauthorised persons was given close attention.

#### Water Sampling

46 samples of water were taken. 11 samples contained B. Coli in a 100 ml. and were thus unsatisfactory.

#### Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

Sewage flows to three Disintegrator Stations situated at Holcombe, the Railway Viaduct and Sea Lawn. Two of these disintegrators are of the continuous rotary-drum screen type.

The disintegrated sewage from the Viaduct and Sea Lawn Stations is taken to sea by outfall near Black Bridge. The Holcombe discharge enters the sea at a position below the rocks at Holcombe.

#### Refuse Disposal

Refuse is disposed of at the Council Tip situated at Shutterton Bridge, Exeter Road.

Constant treatments were carried out at the Refuse Tip to reduce the fly and rodent infestations.

### Public Health Act 1936

Number of inspections made	...	133
Number of Preliminary Notices served		64
Number of re-inspections made	...	216
Number of Notices complied with	...	56
Number of Abatement Notices served ..		2

### Disinfestation

1 premises was treated for hornet infestation.  
 9 premises were treated for wasp infestation.  
 1 premises was treated for cockroach infestation.  
 3 premises were treated for ant infestation.  
 1 premises was treated for lice infestation.  
 1 premises was treated for beetle infestation.  
 Treatments were carried out at Coryton Cove for sand-fly infestation.

### Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949

#### Rodent Control

In accordance with the instructions issued by the Infestation Control Division of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, 10% of the sewers in the district are test baited annually. Evidence of infestation was found only in the Cockwood area where subsequent treatments were carried out.

Treatments to private houses were made free of charge, but business premises are charged at the rate of 10s. 0d. per hour.

	<u>Council's Property</u>	<u>Dwelling House</u>	<u>Agricultural</u>	<u>Business</u>	<u>Total</u>
No. of properties inspected	8	28	-	18	54
No. found to be infested by rats	8	25	-	18	51
No. seriously infested by mice	-	3	-	-	3
No. of properties treated	8	28	-	18	54

### Caravan Sites and Holiday Camps

Total number of visits made to all sites ... 80

	<u>Privately Owned Sites</u>	
	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Holiday</u>

Number of site licences operating as at 31st December 1968	11	15
(i) Individual	2	-
(ii) Multiple (more than 3)	9	15

Total number of caravans 81 979

Caravan Sites and Holiday Camps (cont.)

	<u>Local Authority Sites</u>	
	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Holiday</u>
Total number of sites as at 31st December 1968	Nil	1
Number of caravans	Nil	40 (Average)

Tented Camping Sites

	<u>Private</u>	<u>Local Authority</u>
Number of licensed sites as at 31st December 1968	3	2
Number of tent pitches	510	120
Number of unlicensed sites in regular use during the year	1	-
Approximate number of tent pitches	110	-
Number of sites of all kinds having satisfactory:-		
(i) Water supply	4	2
(ii) Sanitary accommodation	4	2
(iii) Washing facilities	4	2
(iv) Refuse facilities	4	2

Caravan and Camping Survey

During the first week in August, a Holiday Camp and Camping Site Survey was carried out for inclusion in the County Council's Camping Survey. A reasonably accurate survey was made at the same time of the number of holiday makers staying at the Holiday Camps, Chalet Parks and Camping Sites during that week, the number being 9,500.

Housing Acts

Unfit Houses

Number of dwelling-houses surveyed	...	4
Number of houses represented to the Council as being unfit for human habitation	...	4
Number of undertakings accepted	...	-
Number of Closing Orders made	...	3
Number of Demolition Orders made	...	1
Number of Closing Orders revoked and Demolition Orders substituted	...	-
Number of houses demolished following Demolition Orders	...	8
Number of people displaced:-		
(a) Individuals	...	4
(b) Families	...	1
Number of Notices served under Repairs Section (S. 9)	...	2
Number of housing re-inspections	...	168
Number of houses made fit as a result of official representation	...	1

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963

Table A - Registrations and General Inspections

	<u>No. of Premises Registered During the Year</u>	<u>No. of Registered Premises at End of Year</u>	<u>No. of Registered Premises receiving a General Inspection During the Year</u>
Offices	-	26	5
Retail Shops	4	85	30
Wholesale shops, warehouses	-	1	-
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens etc.	1	25	1
Fuel storage depots	-	-	-
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	5	137	36
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Table B - Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to registered premises - 58

Table C - Analysis of Recorded Particulars of Persons Employed in Registered Premises by Workplace

<u>Class of Workplace</u>	<u>Number of Persons Employed</u>
Offices	100
Retail Shops	258
Wholesale departments, warehouses	1
Catering establishments open to the public	144
Canteens	1
Fuel storage depots	-
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Total Males: 156 - Total Females: 348

Analysis of Contraventions

Contraventions in respect of:

Section 4 - Cleanliness	1
Section 6 - Temperature	1
Section 9 - Sanitary Conveniences	2
Section 16 - Floors, passages, stairs	2
Section 24 - First Aid General Provisions	3
Other matters	4
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Total:	13
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Number of re-inspections ...	18
Number of Notices complied with	11

Meat InspectionAnimals Slaughtered and Inspected and Particulars of Condemnations

	<u>Cattle</u> <u>(Except Cows)</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep and Lambs</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>Horses</u>
No. Killed	474	4	23	4,832	592	-
No. Inspected	474	4	23	4,832	592	-

All diseases except Tuberculosis  
and Cysticerci

Whole carcase condemned	-	-	1	1	2	-
Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned	71	1	-	100	37	-
% of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	14.97	25.00	4.34	2.09	6.58	-

Tuberculosis only

Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	9	-
% of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	1.52	-

Cysticercosis

Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	7	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

Total Weight of Condemned Meat ... 3349½ lbs.

Number of visits to Slaughterhouses .. 332

Slaughterhouses

Slaughtering during the whole of the year took place at two private slaughterhouses:-

Hensford Farm, Dawlish  
Stockton Road, Dawlish

Inspection of Other Foods

The following foodstuffs were examined and condemned as being unfit for human consumption:-

394 lbs.	13 ozs.	Assorted canned food
13 lbs.	3 ozs.	Corned beef
133 lbs.	4 ozs.	Assorted frozen food
87 lbs.	0 ozs.	Hindquarter of beef
9 lbs.	6 ozs.	Canned tomatoes
131 lbs.	2 ozs.	Cooked beef

### Disposal of Condemned Food

Condemned meat from the slaughterhouses is disposed of by the butcher to a bye-product manufacturing firm, who also arrange transport. Certain condemned offal is disposed of to a mink breeder in the district.

All other condemned foodstuffs are disposed of under supervision at the Council's Refuse Tip.

### Inspection of Food Premises

Number of various food premises in the district:-

General Provision Shops, Green Grocers	...	36
Restaurants, Cafes and Snack Bars	...	26
Fishmongers, Shellfish Kiosks	...	3
Fried Fish Shops	...	3
Butchers	...	7
Confectionery Shops	...	7
Bakehouses	...	3
Mobile Food Shops and Vehicles	...	4
Licensed Premises	...	23
Hotels, Boarding Houses	...	70
School Canteens	...	4
Holiday Camp Shops	...	9
Convalescent Homes	...	3
Private Nursing Homes	...	2

Number of inspections of food premises:-

Type of Premises	Number of Inspections	Number of Notices Served
General Provision Shops	35	4
Confectionery Shops	8	1
Bakehouses	5	1
Fishmongers	3	-
Cafes, Restaurants	37	4
Fried Fish Shops	5	1
Hotels, Boarding Houses	36	7
Butchers Shops	16	2
School Canteens	6	-
Food Vehicles	2	2
Snack Bars, Kiosks	17	-
Licensed Premises	22	2
Greengrocery Shops	2	1
Shell Fish Kiosk	2	-
Nursing Home	1	1
Multiple Store	1	-
Mobile Fish and Chip Shops	1	-
	199	26

Number of re-inspections of food premises ... 118

Number of Notices complied with ... 35

### Ice-Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations 1947/1963

6 samples of ice-cream were taken and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for examination and the results were:-

5	=	Grade I	(Satisfactory)
1	=	Grade II	(Fairly Satisfactory)

Food and Drugs Act 1955Brucella Abortus

Following notifications from the County Medical Officer of reports from the Public Health Laboratory of Brucella Abortus, isolated from samples of raw milk which were taken from two farms in the district, instructions were given to the farmers to send their milk for pasteurising until the reactors were found by eliminating, sampling and testing.

Section 16

Inspections were made of one premises following application for permission to sell ice-cream.

Factories Act 1961Inspections

<u>Premises</u>	<u>No. on Register</u>	<u>No. of Inspections</u>	<u>No. of Written Notices</u>	<u>No. of Occupiers Prosecuted</u>
Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authorities	2	2	-	-
Factories not included in above in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	15	21	4	-
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
Total:	17	23	4	-

Cases in which Defects were found

	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>	<u>Referred to H.M. Inspector</u>	<u>Referred by H.M. Inspector</u>	<u>Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted</u>
Want of cleanliness (S. 1)	4	4	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S. 2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S. 3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S. 4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S. 6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S. 7)	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
	6	6	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-

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NEWTON ABBOT RURAL DISTRICT

Area (in acres).....	92,647
Population mid 1968 .....	28,830
Rateable Value as at the 1st January 1968 .....	£840,218
Rateable Value as at the 31st December 1968 .....	£856,454
Product of 1d. rate - 1968/1969 (Estimated).....	£3,427

Live Births

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	200	164	364
Illegitimate	16	12	28
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	216	176	392
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Crude live birth rate per 1000 total population		...	13.59
Corrected live birth rate per 1000 total population		...	16.03
Crude live birth rate per 1000 total population -			
Administrative County of Devon		...	13.8
Corrected live birth rate per 1000 total population -			
Administrative County of Devon		...	17.0
Live birth rate per 1000 total population - England and			
Wales		...	16.9
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births		...	7.14

Stillbirths

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	3	1	4
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Stillbirth rate per 1000 total live and stillbirths		...	10.10
Stillbirth rate per 1000 total live and stillbirths -			
Administrative County of Devon		...	11.0
Corresponding rate for England and Wales		...	14.0

Deaths

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
	233	202	435
Crude death rate per 1000 total population		...	15.08
Corrected death rate per 1000 total population		...	11.31
Crude death rate per 1000 total population -			
Administrative County of Devon		...	15.1
Corrected death rate per 1000 total population -			
Administrative County of Devon		...	10.4
Death rate per 1000 total population - England and			
Wales		...	11.9

Infant Mortality

(Deaths of Infants under one year)

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	3	3	6
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Infant Mortality rate per 1000 related live births			... 15.30
Infant mortality rate per 1000 related live births -			12.8
Administrative County of Devon			18.0
Corresponding rate for England and Wales			...
Legitimate infant deaths per 1000 legitimate live births			16.48

Neonatal Mortality

(Deaths of Infants under four weeks)

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	2	1	3
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Neonatal mortality rate per 1000 related live births			... 7.65
Neonatal mortality rate per 1000 related live births -			8.28
Administrative County of Devon			12.3
Corresponding rate for England and Wales			...

Perinatal Mortality

(Stillbirths and Deaths of Infants under one week)

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Perinatal mortality rate (Stillbirths and deaths of infants under one week) per 1000 live and stillbirths			... 15.15
Perinatal mortality rate per 1000 live and stillbirths - Administrative County of Devon			17.03
Corresponding rate for England and Wales			25.00

Maternal Mortality

No maternal deaths occurred in the Newton Abbot Rural District during 1968.  
Two maternal deaths occurred within the Administrative County of Devon.

AGE AT DEATH

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Infants under four weeks	2	1
Four weeks and under one year	1	2
1 - 4	-	1
5 - 14	1	-
15 - 24	5	-
25 - 34	3	-
35 - 44	2	3
45 - 54	11	7
55 - 64	33	25
65 - 74	85	35
75 and over	90	128
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	233	202
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Total: 435

## NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS 1948 and 1951

Official action under Section 47 of the National Assistance Acts 1948 and 1951,  
was necessary in one case during 1968.

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#### Sanitary Inspection of the District

The number of written and verbal complaints received, investigated and dealt with  
during the year was 1,829.

#### Summaries of Public Health Inspectors' Visits

##### General Public Health Matters

Water Supplies and Sampling	118
Drainage	293
Stables, Piggeries, etc.	34
Caravan and Camping Sites	206
Civic Amenities Act 1967	63
Refuse Collection and Disposal Matters	378
Rodent and Pest Control	144
Sewage Disposal Works and Sewers	24
Infectious Diseases and Disinfection	42
Factory Act Legislation	27
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963	41
Animal Boarding Establishments	14
Scrap Metal Dealers Premises	12
Noise and Smoke Abatement	12
National Assistance Act	12
Interviews and Miscellaneous Visits	296
Rodent Operator's Visits	672
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#### Housing

The inspection of dwelling houses within the Rural District continued throughout  
the year. The following figures indicate to some extent the progress achieved  
with Sub-Standard Dwellings.

Unfit Properties Represented	16
Undertakings accepted	12
Number of Premises vacated	22
Number of dwellings made fit	17
Number of dwellings demolished	9
Families rehoused by Council	19
Families rehoused privately	3

A total of 1,335 visits were made by the Public Health Inspectors in respect of  
housing matters generally, detailed as follows:-

#### Under Housing Acts

Number of houses inspected	315
Revisits	141

#### Housing Improvement Grants

Visits and Inspections	509
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Overcrowding

Houses inspected on complaint	6
Revisits	6

Verminous Premises

Premises inspected and treated	11
Revisits	11

General Housing Matters

Visits and inspections	336
	<u>1,335</u>

Discretionary and Standard Improvement Grants

	<u>No. of Applications</u>	<u>No. of Grants Paid After Completion of work</u>	<u>Total Amount of Grants Paid</u>
Discretionary Grants	20	11	£4,050. 0. 0d.
Standard Grants	61	58	£10,152. 13. 0d.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963Table A - Registrations and General Inspections

<u>Class of Premises</u>	<u>No. of Premises Registered During the Year</u>	<u>No. of Registered Premises at End of Year</u>	<u>No. of Registered Premises receiving a General Inspection During the Year</u>
Offices	1	19	1
Retail Shops	-	61	1
Wholesale shops, warehouses	2	13	3
Catering establishments open to the public, cafeterias	-	12	-
Fuel storage depots	-	1	-
	<u>3</u>	<u>106</u>	<u>5</u>

Table B - Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to registered  
premises - 41

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963 (cont.)

Table C - Analysis of Recorded Particulars of Persons Employed in Registered Premises by Workplace

<u>Class of Workplace</u>	<u>Number of Persons Employed</u>
Offices	132
Retail Shops	184
Wholesale departments, warehouses	90
Catering establishments open to the public	65
Canteens	1
Fuel storage depots	9
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	481
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Total Males: 256 - Total Females 225

Water Supplies

Number of water samples taken during period	18
Number of samples equal to Class 1 piped supply	8
Number of samples showing contamination in some degree	10

The majority of samples taken were derived from untreated springs and streams of private supplies, thus accounting for the relatively high number showing contamination in some degree.

A total of one hundred and eighteen visits were made in connection with water supplies to dwellings generally.

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960 and Public Health Act 1936:  
Section 269

At the end of the year there were 57 licensed caravan sites within the District, of which 39 were for the stationing of residential caravans only, 10 sites for holiday and touring caravans and 8 mixed sites. There were also 3 camping sites restricted to the use of tents only, licensed under Section 269, Public Health Act 1936.

The 57 caravan sites provided accommodation for 894 caravans and approximately 446 families were being permanently housed on the residential sites.

During the year, 206 visits and inspections were made by the Public Health Inspectors to the caravan and camping sites, together with an appreciable amount of office administrative work in this connection.

Food Premises - Visits and Inspections

Inspection of Meat

Visits to slaughterhouses and other premises	1,189
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Inspection of Other Foods

Grocers, Wholesalers, etc.	77
Miscellaneous visits	85
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	1,351

Brought Forward:

1,351

Inspection of Food Premises

Butchers	168
Bakehouses	12
Grocers	71
Stalls and Vans	34
Ice-cream Premises, Dairies	35
Food Preparing Premises, Cafes, Hotels, etc.	130
Licensed Premises	8
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Total:	1,809

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960Premises where Sections 16 and 19 are applicable

<u>Trade Category</u>	<u>No. in area</u>	<u>No. complying with Sec. 16</u>	<u>No. to which Sec. 19 applies</u>	<u>No. complying with Sec. 19</u>
Butchers	24	23	24	23
Grocers	86	86	56	56
Greengrocers	11	10	-	-
Confectioners	22	22	12	12
Cafes	63	63	63	63
Public Houses	67	67	67	67
Vans	19	14	5	5
Miscellaneous	23	21	-	-

Food Inspection

During the year the following foodstuffs were surrendered as unfit for human consumption:

Tins of various cooked meats	128
Tins of various fruits	737
Tins of various vegetables	267
Packets of various foodstuffs	286
Prepared chickens	10
Beef and pork sausages	258 lbs.
Cream	4 gallons.
Various raw vegetables	1,382 lbs.
Various raw fruits	9,612 lbs.
Flour	112 lbs.
Cooking chocolate	112 lbs.
Various jams	40 lbs.
Frozen eggs	70 lbs.
Packets of various sweets	180
Vinegar	4 gallons.
Mustard	½ gall.

### Slaughterhouses

Six of the seven Licensed Slaughterhouses within the Rural District were in continual use throughout the year, with only occasional slaughtering taking place at the seventh. The general standard of hygiene of these premises was reasonably well maintained and gave little cause for complaint.

Licences were granted to twenty-seven persons authorising them to slaughter animals in accordance with the provisions of the Slaughter of Animals Act 1958.

### Meat Inspection

The number of animals slaughtered and inspected during the year was 17,928; an appreciable increase on the previous year's figures.

In order to maintain the full standard of inspection in accordance with the Meat Inspection Regulations 1963, a total of 1,189 visits were undertaken involving inspections every day of each week throughout the year by the Public Health Officers concerned. The approximate total weight of meat and offal condemned as unfit for human consumption amounted to twenty-five tons.

### Carcasses Inspected

	<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Number killed	3,035	205	240	10,227	4,221	17,928
Number inspected	3,035	205	240	10,227	4,221	17,928

#### All diseases other than

##### Tuberculosis

Whole carcase condemned	9	23	7	49	3	91
Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned	1,371	144	39	3,476	2,077	7,107
% of animals inspected affected by disease other than Tuberculosis	45.46	81.46	19.16	34.46	49.27	41.26

##### Tuberculosis only

Whole carcase condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	26	26
% of animals inspected affected by Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	0.61	-
Cysticercus Bovis infestations	20	-	-	-	-	20

### Refuse Collection and Disposal

#### Operational Statistics for the year 1968

Area of District - Land and Inland Water	92,647 acres
Estimated Population	28,830
Estimated Weight of Refuse Collected	7,250 tons
No. of premises from which refuse is collected (est.)	11,500
Percentage of total premises from which collections are made once weekly	78%
Average haul to disposal point	12 miles
Kerbside collection as a percentage of total collection	99%
Total weight of refuse disposed by Controlled Tipping	7,250 tons
No. of Collection Areas	51
Weekly Collection	29
Fortnightly Collection	22

### Fly Infestation

Continual spraying throughout weekends and during holiday periods controlled to a fairly low level - the fly population, but naturally some complaints were received.

Again it was noted that hoards of flies are brought in with the refuse. Whilst, in the majority of cases, proper refuse bins are provided by householders, there are still many which are unsatisfactory, and I doubt whether the practice of supplying standard bins, as adopted by some local authorities, would provide a satisfactory solution, as it is found that in many cases the maintenance of the 'Bin' in a household is sadly neglected.

### Litter Collection

#### Lay-bys on Trunk Roads and in Dartmoor National Park

The concrete tube type litter bins provided in 1965 have proved to be quite satisfactory, but unfortunately not altogether vandal-proof; several were 'abused' rather than used and certain baskets and fittings will need replacements.

Clearance is made weekly throughout the year, and twice per week during the holiday period. It is evident that these bins are being more widely adopted and used by local authorities, which is a point upon which we can congratulate ourselves - having 'led the way' in the battle against 'litter'.

### Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949

#### Rodent Control

The Council's obligation to test bait and treat all their properties, including refuse tips, sewage disposal works and sewerage systems, has been met - all the systems throughout the district having been regularly surveyed, test baited and treated as necessary. Following this maintenance treatments of the sewerage systems and post baiting have been carried out, proving the systems to be virtually clear of infestation. To assist with the sewer treatments additional help was procured as it is essential to have two men on such work in the interests of safety and also speed of operation.

All complaints have been satisfactorily dealt with and routine survey of Council owned houses has proved certain infestations to exist, but these have been eliminated by the necessary treatment in every case.

### Scrap Metal Dealers Act 1964

Registrations under this Act, which came into operation in 1965, were issued for the prescribed period of three years and were, therefore, due for renewal as from 1st April 1968. Spot checks by the Police throughout the year are made on records which are obligatory under the Act. All were found to be in order. There was no necessity for legal proceedings to be instituted in any case.

### National Assistance Act 1948 - S. 50

Under the above Act and Section, assistance is given, following investigation, in cases where a deceased person died 'without means'. During the past year, three deaths occurred and in the circumstances arrangements were made for burial.

### Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963

The above Act makes it obligatory for Animal Boarding Establishments to be licensed. Those within our District are conducted in a satisfactory manner and provide excellent accommodation for animals. Good food, drink and bedding are provided and every precaution is taken to guard against infectious disease among the animals and against the possibility of fire.

Factories Act 1961

Inspections

<u>Premises</u>	<u>No. on Register</u>	<u>No. of Inspections</u>	<u>No. of Written Notices</u>	<u>No. of Occupiers Prosecuted</u>
Factories in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authorities	68	30	-	-
Factories not included in above in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	53	42	9	-
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (Excluding out- workers' premises)	24	26	6	-
	145	98	15	-

Cases in which Defects were found

<u>Particulars</u>	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>	<u>Referred to H. M. Inspector</u>	<u>Referred by H. M. Inspector</u>	<u>Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted</u>
Want of cleanliness (S. 1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S. 2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S. 3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S. 4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S. 6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S. 7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	8	8	-	3	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	2	2	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act	-	-	-	-	-
	10	10	-	3	-

Part VIII of the Act

Sections 133 and 134 - Outworkers

Nature of Work

Wearing Apparel

Number of Outworkers

2

A. R. Smith

Chief Public Health Inspector

NEWTON ABBOT URBAN DISTRICT

Area (in acres) .....	4,156
Population mid 1968 .....	18,700
Rateable Value as at the 1st January 1968.....	£794,127
Rateable Value as at the 31st December 1968 .....	£808,200
Product of 1d. rate - 1968/1969 (Estimated).....	£3,243

Live Births

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	112	138	250
Illegitimate	10	9	19
	—	—	—
	122	147	269
	—	—	—

Crude live birth rate per 1000 total population ...	14.38
Corrected live birth rate per 1000 total population...	15.96
Crude live birth rate per 1000 total population -	
Administrative County of Devon ...	13.8
Corrected live birth rate per 1000 total population	
Administrative County of Devon ...	17.0
Live birth rate per 1000 total population -	
England and Wales ...	16.9
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births ..	7.06

Stillbirths

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	3	4	7
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	—	—	—

Stillbirth rate per 1000 total live and stillbirths ...	25.36
Stillbirth rate per 1000 total live and stillbirths -	
Administrative County of Devon ...	11.0
Corresponding rate for England and Wales ...	14.0

Deaths

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
	156	167	323
	—	—	—

Crude death rate per 1000 total population ...	17.27
Corrected death rate per 1000 total population ...	10.01
Crude death rate per 1000 total population -	
Administrative County of Devon ...	15.1
Corrected death rate per 1000 total population -	
Administrative County of Devon ...	10.4
Death rate per 1000 total population - England and Wales ...	11.9

### Infant Mortality

(Deaths of Infants under one year)

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Legitimate	3	1	4	
Illegitimate	-	1	1	
Infant mortality rate per 1000 related live births			...	18.58
Infant mortality rate per 1000 related live births -			...	
Administrative County of Devon			...	12.8
Corresponding rate for England and Wales			...	18.0
Legitimate infant deaths per 1000 legitimate live births			...	16.0

### Neonatal Mortality

(Deaths of Infants under four weeks)

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Legitimate	1	1	2	
Illegitimate	-	1	1	
Neonatal mortality rate per 1000 related live births			...	11.15
Neonatal mortality rate per 1000 related live births -			...	
Administrative County of Devon			...	8.28
Corresponding rate for England and Wales			...	12.3

### Perinatal Mortality

(Stillbirths and Deaths of Infants under one week)

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Legitimate	1	1	2	
Illegitimate	-	1	1	
Perinatal mortality rate (Stillbirths and deaths of infants under one week) per 1000 live and stillbirths			...	36.23
Perinatal mortality rate per 1000 live and stillbirths - Administrative County of Devon			...	17.03
Corresponding rate for England and Wales			...	25.00

### Maternal Mortality

No maternal deaths occurred in the Newton Abbot Urban District during 1968.  
Two maternal deaths occurred within the Administrative County of Devon.

### AGE AT DEATH

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Infants under four weeks	1	2
Four weeks and under one year	2	-
1    -    4	-	-
5    -    14	-	-
15   -    24	3	-
25   -    34	2	-
35   -    44	1	-
45   -    54	8	4
55   -    64	20	9
65   -    74	51	40
75 and over	68	112
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	156	167
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Total: 323

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS 1948 and 1951

Official action under Section 47 of the National Assistance Acts 1948 and 1951  
was necessary in one case during 1968.

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Drainage

Details of the work carried out under this heading are as follows:-

Number of premises visited	72
Number of tests applied	96
Number of visits made	216

Factories Act, 1961

Inspections

	<u>No. on Register</u>	<u>No. of Inspections</u>	<u>No. of Written Notices</u>	<u>No. of Occupiers Prosecuted</u>
Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authorities	10	-	-	-
Factories not included in above in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	83	6	-	-
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (Excluding out-workers' premises)	10	3	-	-
Total:	103	9	-	-

Cases in which Defects were found

	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>	<u>Referred to H. M. Inspector</u>	<u>Referred by H. M. Inspector</u>	<u>Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted</u>
Want of cleanliness (S. 1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S. 2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S. 3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S. 4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S. 6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S. 7)	.	.	.	.	.
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	7	-	5	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act	-	-	-	-	-
Total:	2	7	-	5	-

## Food Inspection

### Meat Inspection

The number of animals slaughtered at the Public Abattoir is shown below, together with the figures for the previous five years.

### Meat Inspection Regulations

All carcasses passing through the Public Abattoir have been inspected involving 591 separate visits, thus maintaining the 100% inspection figure.

### Carcases Inspected

	<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Pigs</u>
Number killed	3,673	482	1,859	11,342	4,966
Number inspected	3,673	482	1,859	11,342	4,966

### All diseases other than

#### Tuberculosis

Whole carcase condemned	2	2	37	57	23
Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned	626	187	16	224	168
% of animals inspected affected by disease other than Tuberculosis	17.1	39.2	2.8	2.5	3.8

#### Tuberculosis only

Whole carcase condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	50
% of animals inspected affected by Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	1%

No. of cases of <i>Cysticercus Bovis</i>	13	3	-	-	-
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	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>
Bullocks	5,308	4,518	3,778	3,611	3,675	4,155
Calves	6,231	3,114	2,519	3,643	2,391	1,859
Sheep	14,554	12,452	10,761	9,778	7,889	11,342
Pigs	7,102	5,885	5,416	4,371	4,158	4,966
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	33,195	25,969	22,474	21,403	18,113	22,322
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Unsound Food

During the course of the year, the following foodstuffs have been found to be unfit for human consumption:-

4	Cattle carcases
37	Calves carcases
57	Sheep carcases
23	Pigs carcases
52	Cattle heads
1,287	Offal and parts
812 lbs.	Beef
155 lbs.	Sausages
877 lbs.	Pork
599 lbs.	Poultry
278 lbs.	Bacon
287 lbs.	New Zealand Lamb
247 tins	Meat
1,280 tins	Fruit
695 tins	Vegetables
144 tins	Fish
29 tins	Fruit juice
32 packets	Cereals
46 tins	Soup
1,749 packets	Frozen products
40 lbs.	Cheese
30 tins	Evaporated milk
17 packets	Marzipan
30	Fruit crumbles
4 jars	Coffee
17 jars	Jam
312	Meat Pies
188½ trays	Fruit
70 boxes	Vegetables
1,814 grammes	Corned beef
627 lbs.	Meat
36 lbs.	Butter
28 lbs.	Walnuts

Ice-Cream

The number of ice-cream samples that were taken in 1968 are as follows:-

Grade 1	-	Satisfactory	- Samples 9
Grade 2	-	Fairly satisfactory	- Samples 3
Grade 3	-	Unsatisfactory	- Samples -
Grade 4	-	Very bad	- Samples 1

General

Nine complaints were made at the office during the year under consideration and of these eight were dealt with informally.

Proceedings were instituted in the following case:-

Sale of apple tart containing mould.

In this case a conviction was obtained and a fine imposed.

During the year 24 visits were paid to cafes and restaurants and 168 visits to other food handling premises.

8 Informal Notices were served under the Food & Drugs Act 1955.

## Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960

### Premises where Sections 16 and 19 are applicable

Grocers	34
Bakers and Flour	
Confectioners	11
Butchers	13
Fish and Chip Cafes	4
Restaurants	22
Fish Mongers	2
Public Houses	17
Fruiterers	4
Baker Shops	6
 Total:	 <u>113</u>

The number of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 16	- 113
The number of premises to which Regulation 19 applies	- 113
The number of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 19	- 113

### Housing Acts

The number of dwellings dealt with under the Improvement Grant Scheme are as follows:-

#### Number of properties receiving grant:-

Standard Grant	...	50
Discretionary Grant	...	7

Number of inspections carried out	228
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### Public Health and Housing Acts

A summary of the work carried out under this heading is as follows:-

Number of houses inspected under the Public Health Acts	...	156
Number of houses inspected under the Housing Acts	...	194
Number of Informal Notices served	...	5
Number of Statutory Notices served	...	26
Number of dwellings rendered fit	...	16
Number of part of dwellings closed	...	1
Number of dwellings closed	...	6
Number of dwellings demolished	...	6
Number of inspections made	...	500
Number of verminous houses treated	...	6

### Housing

Number of Council Houses constructed	...	-
Number of Private Houses constructed	...	54

### Improvement Areas

Following the government white paper entitled 'Old Houses into New Ones', a Bill has been published which proposes several changes in the law relating to improvement grants, including amendment of the list of standard amenities and an extension of the maximum amount of grant payable. Part II of the Bill is intended to replace the provisions of the 1964 Housing Act relating to improvement areas.

In order to achieve uniformity of application, progress in respect of the improvement area previously declared in the Avenue precinct has been deferred by the Council until this Bill becomes law.

### Housing Act 1957

During the year under review activity in this field has continued. Although the programme of action in relation to previously designated unfit houses is nearing completion, further cases have arisen requiring action under the Housing Acts.

However, there are still a considerable number of houses in need of repair and improvement and it is hoped that the Bill previously referred to will be of assistance in these cases.

### Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963

The number of premises registered during the twelve months ending 31st December, 1968, were 7, details as follows, making a total to date of 376:-

Offices	2
Retail Shops	5
Wholesale shops, warehouses	-
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens etc.	-
Fuel storage depots	-
Number of visits	129

### Refuse Collection and Disposal

With the completion of tipping at Brunel Road, the availability of land at Kingskerswell Road has provided a welcome stop-gap until such time as a more permanent tipping site is acquired. However, the position, contour and nature of this land have created difficulties in its use, particularly during wet weather.

### Rodent Control - General Treatment

22 private dwellings and 31 other premises were tested for rat infestation, a total of 155 visits being made in this connection.

### Sewer Treatments

One treatment of the sewerage system of the town was carried out.

### Other Work

Moveable Dwellings - No. of visits	...	5
Water Supply - No. of visits	...	7
Disease Prevention - Sewer Swabs - No. of tests	...	28
Smoke Abatement - No. of visits	...	8

### Noise

With the increase in mechanised aids to working, travelling and living, noise has become an increasing source of annoyance as is witnessed by the growing number of complaints received at this office.

The devices and law available for establishing what are noise nuisances are blunt instruments compared with the extremely variable sensitivities of individuals. Noise can be described as unwanted sound and what is a mere foot-fall to one person may be a thunder clap to the next, depending on the acceptability of the noise to the recipient. Wherever a noise is unacceptable it creates irritability, loss of sleep or worse. On the other hand a few people accept any noise as an established constituent of living, sometimes to their own detriment.

(Noise - continued)

The most frequent example of this is the road worker who, when asked why he has no muffler fitted to his pneumatic drill replies 'it doesn't bother me - I'm used to it!' He is most likely unaware that he is working in a sound pressure level of 110 decibels, that 120 decibels register the threshold of pain and with a continuance of these conditions can induce permanent deafness. It is surprising how many employers are still unaware of these facts and equally surprising how many have no regard for people living or working in the locality of their operations.

All the complaints received at this office have been dealt with on an informal basis and some improvements have been achieved. Whether by informal or formal means, the results are nearly always a compromise between the differing interests, or disinterests of the parties concerned.

Cases dealt with	10
Number of visits	35

Mr. C.E. Pethick, F.A.P.H.I.

In June 1968, Mr. Pethick retired from office as Chief Public Health Inspector after 33 years with this Council. During this long period of office he has seen many advances in public health, the latest and perhaps the greatest being the installation of a Tollemache Refuse Pulveriser.

A respected and well known figure, he is held in high regard for his integrity and his forthrightness in his manner.

My colleagues join me in wishing him a long and happy retirement.

Staff

The past year has presented change and the need for adjustment in several respects. The difficulties inherent at such a time have been overcome only with the co-operation and willing assistance of the Inspectors and clerical staff alike to whom I record my gratitude.

I would also like to thank colleagues in other departments for their assistance and advice so readily given and to express my appreciation for the support accorded me by Members of this Council.

F. J. Webb

Chief Public Health Inspector

TEIGNMOUTH URBAN DISTRICT

Area (in acres) .....	2,068
Population mid 1968 .....	12,220
Rateable Value as at the 1st January 1968 .....	£489,803
Rateable Value as at the 31st December 1968 .....	£500,000
Product of ld. rate - 1968/1969 (estimated) .....	£1,970

Live Births

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	57	77	134
Illegitimate	10	6	16
	—	—	—
	67	83	150
	—	—	—

Crude live birth rate per 1000 total population	...	12.27
Corrected live birth rate per 1000 total population	...	19.01
Crude live birth rate per 1000 total population -		
Administrative County of Devon	...	13.8
Corrected live birth rate per 1000 total population -		
Administrative County of Devon	...	17.0
Live birth rate per 1000 total population - England and Wales	...	16.9
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	...	10.66

Stillbirths

No stillbirths occurred in Teignmouth during 1968.

Stillbirth rate per 1000 total live and stillbirths -

Administrative County of Devon	...	11.0
Corresponding rate for England and Wales	...	14.0

Deaths

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
	94	120	214
Crude death rate per 1000 total population	...		17.51
Corrected death rate per 1000 total population	...		8.75
Crude death rate per 1000 total population -			
Administrative County of Devon	...		15.1
Corrected death rate per 1000 total population -			
Administrative County of Devon	...		10.4
Death rate per 1000 total population - England and Wales	...		11.9

Infant Mortality

(Deaths of Infants under one year)

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Infant mortality rate per 1000 related live births	...		13.33
Infant mortality rate per 1000 related live births -			
Administrative County of Devon	...		12.8
Corresponding rate for England and Wales	...		18.0
Legitimate infant deaths per 1000 legitimate live births	...		14.92

**Neonatal Mortality**

(Deaths of Infants under four weeks)

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Legitimate	1	1	2	
Illegitimate	-	-	-	
Neonatal mortality rate per 1000 related live births			...	13.33
Neonatal mortality rate per 1000 related live births -				
Administrative County of Devon			...	8.28
Corresponding rate for England and Wales			...	12.3

**Perinatal Mortality**

(Stillbirths and Deaths of Infants under one week)

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Legitimate	1	1	2	
Illegitimate	-	-	-	
Perinatal mortality rate per 1000 live and stillbirths -				
Administrative County of Devon			...	17.03
Corresponding rate for England and Wales			...	25.00

**Maternal Mortality**

No maternal deaths occurred in Teignmouth during 1968.

Two maternal deaths occurred within the Administrative County of Devon.

**AGE AT DEATH**

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Infants under four weeks	1	1
Four weeks and under one year	-	-
1 - 4	-	1
5 - 14	-	-
15 - 24	1	-
25 - 34	-	-
35 - 44	-	2
45 - 54	2	4
55 - 64	16	11
65 - 74	25	27
75 and over	49	74
	—	—
	94	120
	—	—

Total: 214**NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS 1948 and 1951**

In no case was Official action, under Section 47 of the National Assistance Acts, 1948 and 1951, necessary during 1968.

## Annual Report of the Public Health Inspector

The inspection of premises under the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963, continued through the year and 76% of registered premises have now received a general inspection. Routine inspections under the Food Hygiene Regulations, Public Health and Housing Acts and the investigation of numerous complaints were carried out during the year. A summary of this work is contained in the report.

At the end of the year, work commenced on the two pumping stations at Gales Hill and it is expected that the improved effluent produced will lead to a curtailment of the few complaints received of sewage pollution attributable to the outfall.

As in the past two years a large proportion of my time has been devoted to the many problems arising out of the Comprehensive Development Area and the Kingsway Redevelopment Scheme. Nearly all the families affected by the Central Development and Exeter Road Diversion Schemes have been rehoused and a tentative survey of housing requirements has been made in the area affected by the easterly extension of the new road.

### Water Supply

The following information has been supplied by the Joint Engineer to the South West Devon Water Board, Mr. W.F. White, F.I.C.E., M.I.W.E., M.I.Struct.E.

#### (a) Source of Public Supply

All water is obtained from the catchment areas of Tottiford and Venford on Dartmoor. A borehole situated at Mylor, Teignmouth, is used only as a stand-by source of supply.

#### (b) Distribution

From the above sources the water is taken to treatment plants at Tottiford and Venford, where it is filtered and treated. The water is then conveyed by trunk main to Teignmouth, but supplies Rural Areas of Newton Abbot and St. Thomas as well as the Urban District of Newton Abbot en route.

Water is supplied to 5,428 properties with an estimated population of 12,130.

#### (c) Quantity

The total quantity of water supplied up to the 31st December 1968, amounted to 266,815,000 gallons, a daily average of 731,000 gallons.

#### (d) Quality

Aluminium sulphate and soda ash are added to the water which is then precipitated and pressure filtered. Lime is added to neutralise the natural acidity and reduce the corrosive tendency. Finally chlorine is added to sterilise the water.

### Water Sampling

	<u>Number Taken</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
Mains Supply	19	7	12
Private Supply	4	1	3
Swimming Pools	4	4	-

The large number of unsatisfactory samples from mains supplies was due to pollution of the supply during the heavy flooding in July. This was eventually resolved after consultations with the South West Devon Water Board.

52 visits were made in connection with water supply and sampling.

### Yachting Pool - Sea Front

Regular inspections of the pool were made during the summer season and samples of the water were taken.

Misuse of the pool during hot weather by children paddling and bathing was on a larger scale than previous years, so that in addition to cleaning and emptying the pool at weekly intervals, Hypochlorite solution was added as a precaution during peak load periods.

### Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

Sewerage of the whole district is almost complete, there being only 26 properties, in outlying areas, not connected to the system.

Sewage is conveyed to three pumping stations, two at Gales Hill, Teignmouth, and one at King George's Field, Shaldon.

After comminution at the plant, sewage is held in tanks and released on the ebb tide through outfalls either side of the mouth of the estuary. Major alterations are being carried out to the Gales Hill pumping stations, which will improve the efficiency of the plant.

### Refuse Disposal

Refuse is disposed of at the Council Tip at Broadmeadow, Bishopsteignton Road.

Controlled tipping is carried out with the refuse being covered daily.

No complaints have been received relating to the tip and no evidence of rodent infestation was discovered during the year.

### Public Health Act 1936

Number of inspections made	...	126
Number of Preliminary Notices served	...	98
Number of re-inspections made	...	337
Number of Notices complied with	...	88
Number of Abatement Notices served	...	1

### Disinfestation

1 premises was treated for wild bee infestation.

14 premises were treated for wasp infestation.

3 premises were treated for cockroach infestation.

1 premises was treated for ant infestation.

2 premises were treated for bed bug infestation.

1 premises was treated for swarming fly infestation.

10 premises were treated for flea infestation.

68 visits were made in connection with insect infestation.

### Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949

#### Rodent Control

In accordance with the instructions issued by the Infestation Control Division of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, 10% of the sewers in the District are test baited annually. Evidence of infestation was found in the Quay Street, Parson Street and Fore Street areas and subsequent treatments were carried out.

Treatments to private houses were made free of charge, but commercial premises are charged at the rate of 10/6d. per hour.

	<u>Dwelling</u>	<u>Agricultural</u>	<u>Business</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>House</u>			
Number of properties inspected	121	5	14	140
Number found infested by rats	85	5	9	99
Number found infested by mice	21	-	5	26
Number of properties treated	106	5	14	125

A total of 1,151 visits were made in connection with rodent control.

#### Caravan Sites

Total number of visits made to all sites	...	50
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	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Holiday</u>
Number of site licences operating as at 31st December 1968		
(i) Individual	1	1
(ii) Multiple (more than 3)	-	3
Number of exempted sites (Caravan Club)	-	1
Total number of caravans	1	287

Two of the caravan site owners have submitted plans for the complete conversion of their sites from caravans to chalets.

During the year 11 chalets were constructed on one site and six on the other site as part of the submitted schemes.

#### Tented Camping Sites

There are no licensed sites within the area, but two of the caravan sites have plots set aside to accommodate tents for a maximum period of 28 days.

#### Housing Acts 1957 and 1961

##### Unfit Houses

Number of dwelling houses surveyed	...	8
Number of houses represented to the Council as being unfit for human habitation	...	6
Number of undertakings accepted	...	4
Number of Closing Orders made	...	5
Number of Demolition Orders made	...	-
Number of Closing Orders revoked and Demolition Orders substituted	...	-
Number of people rehoused by Local Authority from above	...	2
Number of Notices served under Section 9	...	-
Number of housing re-inspections	...	86

#### Houses in Multiple Occupation

Number of Management Orders served in respect of failure to maintain proper standards	...	1
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Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963

Table A - Registrations and General Inspections

<u>Class of Premises</u>	<u>No. of Premises Registered During the Year</u>	<u>No. of Registered Premises at End of Year</u>	<u>No. of Registered Premises receiving a General Inspection During the Year</u>
Offices	1	41	-
Retail Shops	14	116	59
Wholesale shops, warehouses	-	2	1
Catering establishments open to the public	8	32	5
Fuel storage depots	-	-	-
	23	191	65

Table B - Number of visits of all kinds by Inspector to registered premises - 189

Table C - Analysis of Recorded Particulars of Persons Employed in Registered Premises by Workplace

<u>Class of Workplace</u>	<u>Number of Persons Employed</u>
Offices	263
Retail Shops	438
Wholesale departments, warehouses	13
Catering establishments open to the public	163
Canteens	2
Fuel storage depots	-
	879

Total Males: 267 - Total Females: 612

Analysis of Contraventions

Contraventions in respect of:

Section 4 - Cleanliness	43
Section 5 - Overcrowding	3
Section 6 - Temperature, including provision of thermometer	14
Section 7 - Ventilation	7
Section 8 - Lighting	25
Section 9 - Sanitary Conveniences	10
Section 10 - Washing facilities	20
Section 11 - Supply of drinking water	1
Section 12 - Accommodation for clothing	1
Section 13 - Sitting facilities	1
Section 16 - Floors, passages, stairs	29
Section 17 - Fencing of exposed parts of machinery	3
Section 24 - First Aid General Provisions	13
Section 48 - Notification of Accidents	2
Section 50 - Information for employees, Abstract	17
	189

Analysis of Contraventions (cont.)

Number of re-inspections of food premises	...	139
Number of Notices complied with	...	66
Number of inspections re registration	...	22

Inspection and Supervision of Food

Inspection of Meat

A total of 31 visits were made to slaughterhouses in the Dawlish Urban District for stand-in meat inspection.

Inspection of Other Foods

The following foodstuffs were examined and condemned as being unfit for human consumption.

Meat in Retail Shops	580 lbs.
Cooked meat and meat products	30 lbs.
Canned meats	99 lbs.
Other canned foods	234 lbs.
Fresh fish	11 lbs.
Fresh fruit and vegetables	137 lbs.
Other foods (Bakery and Confectionary Products - Damaged by flooding)	4,828 lbs.

Total number of visits ... 52

All the above foodstuffs were disposed of under supervision at the Council's Refuse Tip.

Sampling of Food

Samples of food obtained and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory, Exeter:-

Ice-Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations 1947/1963

2 samples were obtained and both were Grade 1

Public Health (Shellfish) Regulations, 1934 and 1948

Mussels are taken from layings in the River Teign situated up river from Shaldon Bridge and are passed through cleansing tanks on the Fish Quay.

10 samples were taken after cleansing and all were Grade 1

Total number of visits re mussels ... 35

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960

Inspection of Food Premises

Type of Premises	No. in area	No. complying with Sec. 16	No. to which Sec. 19 applies	No. complying with Sec. 19	No. of Inspections
General					
Provision	31	30	31	31	46
Greengrocers	13	10	13	13	4
Restaurants, cafes, snack bars	28	27	28	28	80
Fishmongers, shellfish					
kiosks	5	5	5	5	15
Fried Fish shops	4	4	4	4	2
Butchers	9	9	9	9	28
Confectionary shops	23	23	14	14	12
Bakehouses	7	7	7	7	21
Mobile food shops and vehicles	4	3	-	-	5
Licenced Premises	27	27	27	27	18
Hotels, Boarding Houses	121	121	121	121	92
School canteens	3	3	3	3	5
Holiday Camp shops	3	3	2	2	2
Old People's Homes (D.C.C. Registered)	9	9	9	9	6
Supermarkets	4	4	4	4	15
Dairies, Ice- Cream kiosks	11	11	3	3	9

Factories Act 1961

Inspections

Premises	No. on Register	No. of Inspections
Factories in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authorities	1	2
Factories not included in above in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	25	41
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (Excluding out-workers' premises)	-	-
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	26	43
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Factories Act 1961 (cont.)

Cases in which Defects were found

No defects were noted under these provisions during the year.

Outworkers

No cases of outworkers being carried on in unwholesome premises have been found and consequently Table 3 is not included.

I wish to thank the members of my staff and my colleagues and all the Members of the Council for their continued support during the year.

P. Langston

Chief Public Health Inspector



